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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A glass-ceramic plate for covering heating elements. The plate has at least one opening located within a bent portion of the plate. The opening can be at a location other than a heating area. The opening also can have at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and an angular and/or complex shape. A process for manufacturing the plate is provided, as is a cooking appliance including the plate.